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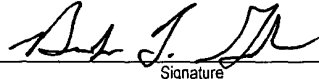
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The following documents are cited in the specification of the application in the order that they appear therein:

(1) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 10-299659 (SEIKO INSTR INC), published November 10, 1998;

(2) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 10-110681 (HITACHI LTD), published April 28, 1998; and

(3) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 2001-322099 (MINOLTA CO LTD), published November 20, 2001.

Applicants also wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner:

(4) Japanese Published Unexamined Application No. (A) 10-185929 (VERMES MIKROTECHNIK GMBH), published July 14, 1998;

(5) Dubrow et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,068,752, issued May 30, 2000;


(6) Soane et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,176,962 B1, issued January 23, 2001;

(7) Ross et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,254,754 B1, issued July 3, 2001; and

(8) Kaltenbach et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,033,628, issued March 7, 2000.

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